

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as detailed below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving, by a wireless mobile communication device, a first user request from an input key of the wireless mobile communication device;

in response to the first user request, displaying, by the wireless mobile communication device, on a display of the wireless mobile communication device, a list of communication messages to and from a plurality of communication partners of at least two message types selected from a message type group comprising of an email message type, a text message type, a voice message type, and a call message type, the displaying including displaying representations of the communication messages of the list;

receiving after said displaying, by the wireless mobile communication device, a second user request from the same or another input key of the wireless mobile communication device; and

in response to the second user request, particularizing the list of communication messages to include only messages to and from a single communication partner, the particularized list being a thread of communication with the communication partner,

~~The method of claim 1,~~ wherein said receiving of the first user request comprises receiving the first user request while in an operational state configured to facilitate a

user in composing an email, a text message, or a voice message, and

the method further comprises switching, by the wireless mobile device, from the operational state configured to facilitate the user in composing to an operational state configured for said displaying.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the method of operation, further comprising

receiving a third user request from the same or another input key of the wireless mobile communication device; and

in response, expanding the display of a selected one of the displayed communication messages from the communication partner.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said displaying comprises displaying the list of communication messages with at least three message types selected from the message type group comprising of the email message type, the text message type, the voice message type, and the call message type.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said displaying comprises displaying icons representing the identities of communication partners of the group, each communication partner of the group being represented by an icon unique to that communication partner.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein said displaying comprises displaying text messages across different chat sessions.

9. (Currently Amended) A wireless mobile communication device comprising:
a transceiver to facilitate sending and receiving communication messages of a plurality of message types to and from a communication partner;
a display;
an input device;

a storage device; and

a unified message function configured to

store the messages as message objects and additionally unified message objects in the storage, the unified message objects for facilitating unified viewing of the messages of different message types, each including a pointer pointing to a corresponding one of the messages of different message types;

render on the display or play, in response to a first input inputted using the input device while the wireless mobile communication device is in an operational state configured to facilitate a user in composing an email, a text message, or a voice message, a list of communication messages to and from one or more communication partners of a plurality of message types selected from a message type group comprising of an email message type, a text message type, a voice message type, and a call message type, the displaying including displaying representations of the communication messages of the list, and particularize, in response to a second input inputted used the input device, the list of communication messages to include only messages to and from a single communication partner, wherein the single communication partner is a group of communication partners who are members of a group identity, the particularized list being a thread of communication with the group,

wherein the wireless mobile communication device is configured to switch, in response to said first user input, from said operational state configured to facilitate the user in composing to an operational state configured to render on the display or play said list of communication messages.

10. (Original) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified message function is designed to display for a communication message, as part

of said displaying, a pictorial icon depicting the communication partner.

11. (Previously Presented) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified message function is further designed to expand the display of a selected one of the displayed communication messages, in response to a third input inputted from the input device.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified message function is further configured to automatically determine a message type when facilitating a user in responding to a received message.

15. (Previously Presented) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein each message object includes information selected from the group consisting of an identifier of the type of message, an identifier of the sender, an identifier of the time sent, an identifier of the date sent, an identifier of the time received, an identifier of the date received, an indication of message urgency, or an indication that a response is requested by a sender.

16. (Original) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein said displaying comprises displaying text messages across different chat sessions.

17. (Previously Presented) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the wireless mobile communication device comprises a wireless mobile phone.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising;

receiving, by the wireless mobile communication device, a third user request from the same or another input key of the wireless mobile communication device selecting a representation of one of the communication messages of the list; and
in response to said receiving the third request,

displaying, by the wireless mobile communication device, a list of selectable entries associated with multiple communication protocols to facilitate the user in selecting a communication protocol, and

facilitating, by the wireless mobile communication device, reply to the communication message in the selected communication protocol.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein the wireless mobile communication device has multiple threads with multiple communication partners.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 42, wherein the particularizing is based at least in part on an identifier associated with the communication partner.

21. (Previously Presented) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified message function is further configured to:

receive a third user request inputted using the same or another input device selecting a representation of one of the communication messages of the list, and
in response to said receiving the third user request,

render on the display a list of selectable entries associated with multiple communication protocols to facilitate the user in selecting a communication protocol, and

facilitate reply to the communication message in the selected communication protocol.

22. (Previously Presented) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the wireless mobile communication device has multiple threads with multiple

communication partners.

23. (Previously Presented) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 9, wherein the unified message function is further configured to particularize the list based at least in part on an identifier associated with the communication partner.

24. (Currently Amended) A wireless mobile communication device comprising:
a transceiver to facilitate sending and receiving communication messages of a plurality of message types to and from a communication partner;

a display;

an input device;

a memory to store a message, and

a unified message function, said unified message function having a user

interface configured to

facilitate unified viewing, in response to a user input received while the wireless mobile communication device is in a first operating state, of a list of communication messages to and from a plurality of communication partners, the list of communication messages comprising messages of a plurality of message types, including an email message type, a text message type, and a voice message type, wherein the first operating state is configured to facilitate a user in composing an email, a text message, or a voice message;

wherein the user interface is configured to be directly accessible from an the first operating state, selected from the group consisting of an email composition state for composing an email, a text message composition state for composing a text message, and a voice message composition state for composing a voice message; and

wherein the unified message function is further configured to maintain email messages as email message objects, text message as text message objects, voice message as voice message objects, and additionally, to maintain

unified message objects, each including a pointer pointing to the corresponding email, text or voice message object for facilitating unified viewing of the message, and
wherein the mobile communication device is configured to switch, in response to the user input, from the first operating state to an operating state configured for said viewing of the list of communication messages.

25. (Previously Presented) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 24, wherein each email, text or voice message object further includes information selected from the group consisting of an identifier of a message type, an identifier of a sender, an identifier of a time sent, an identifier of a date sent, an identifier of a time received, an identifier of a date received, an indication of message urgency, or an indication that a response is requested by a sender.

26. (Previously Presented) The wireless mobile communication device of claim 24, wherein the identification of a sender further includes a pictorial icon associated with the sender.

27. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
receiving, by a wireless mobile communication device, a plurality of messages of a plurality of message types, including messages of an email message type, messages of a text message type, and messages of a voice message type;
sending, by a wireless mobile communication device, a plurality of messages of a plurality of message types, including messages of an email message type, messages of a text message type, and messages of a voice message type;
maintaining by the wireless mobile communication device, the email messages, text messages and voice messages received, and the email messages, text messages and voice messages sent, as email message objects, text message objects and voice

message objects respectively;

maintaining by the wireless mobile communication device, additional unified message objects, each including a pointer pointing to a corresponding one of the email, text or voice message object received or to a corresponding one of the email, text or voice message object sent, for facilitating unified viewing of the message;

facilitating a user, by the wireless mobile communication device, in composing an email message, a text message or a voice message; and

in response to a user request while facilitating the user in said composing of an email message, a text message or a voice message, switching by the wireless mobile communication device to facilitating the user in unified viewing of the received messages and the sent messages using the unified message objects.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of 27, further comprising

receiving by the wireless mobile communication device, a user selection to view one of the email, text or voice messages being viewed in a unified manner, wherein the messages being viewed in a unified manner include messages received by the wireless communication device and messages sent by the wireless communication device;

retrieving by the wireless mobile communication device from the unified message object of the selected message, the pointer pointing to the selected message;

retrieving the selected message by the wireless mobile communication device using the retrieved pointer; and

displaying or playing by the wireless mobile communication device, the retrieved message.